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Title: The Minister of Finance laid a statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 60th Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2012-13), pertaining to the Departments of Economic Affairs, Financial Services, Expenditure and Disinvestment, Ministry of Finance.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I beg to lay on the Table a statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 60th Report of the Department of Economic Affairs, Financial Services, Expenditure and Disinvestment of the Standing Committee on Finance (15th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of Direction 73-A of the Hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha *vide* Lok Sabha Bulletin, Part II dated 1st September, 2004.

The 60th Report of the Standing Committee on Finance (15th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 6th December, 2012. The 60th Report relates to examination of Demands for Grants (2012-13). In the Report, the Committee deliberated on various issues and made nine (9) recommendations, where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertain to issues relating to Analysis of Demands for Grants, Budgetary support to Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd., Allocations made for Long-Term Co-Operative Credit Structure (LTCCS) Scheme, Release of Funds for Central Assistance to States, Containing fiscal deficit, Classification of Government Expenditure, Priority sector lending for agriculture etc..

Action Taken Statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the Report had been sent to the Standing Committee on Finance on 4th April and 30th April, 2013. Present status of implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in the 60th Report is indicated in Annexure, which is laid on the Table.

I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out the contents of the Annexure. I would request that this may be taken as read.